

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)

Information for Students on Exchange

University	University of Zurich (UZH)
Country	Switzerland
Academic Calendar	Semester 1 (Fall): August to January Semester 2 (Spring): February to July https://www.uzh.ch/en/studies/dates/dates.html
Exchange Duration	One semester
Language Proficiency Requirement	For courses taught in English, no certification for English proficiency is required for NUS students. For courses taught in German: A proof of proficiency in German at about level C1 (according to CEFR) issued by the Goethe Institute or the German language department of the home university (by a native speaker).
Course Information	<p>Exchange students are expected to choose courses amounting to around 20 ECTS in the same or a similar subject they study at their home university. UZH recommends taking courses no more than 25 ECTS, though this is not a requirement.</p> <p>The regular semester workload for full-time undergraduate students as determined by the Office of the Provost is 30 ECTS. Credits earned at the host university may not be directly equivalent to NUS credits and you can refer to the SEP Credit Transfer Calculator for information on units exchange ratio at the host university. Please note that the actual number of credits earned is subject to the units exchange ratio at the point of credit transfer.</p> <p><u>Course catalogue:</u> https://studentservices.uzh.ch/uzh/anonym/vvz/index.html?sap-language=EN&sap-ui-language=EN</p> <p><u>Course restrictions:</u> Cross-faculty course booking is allowed; however, students should attend most courses in their major and minor(s).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: no cross-level booking. • English Department (English Language and Literature): Students who are not enrolled in English Language and Literature at their home university can only take lectures offered by the English Department. • Department of Biology: Only students who study Biology, Biochemistry or Biomedicine at their home university are allowed to take courses in Biology, Biochemistry or Biomedicine. Also, Block Courses in these subjects are closed to exchange students.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Psychology: Only students who study Psychology as a major at their home university are allowed to take courses offered by the Department of Psychology. • Faculty of Law: Students taking courses at the Faculty of Law must have completed 4 semesters at their home university before the begin of their exchange stay at UZH.
Accommodation	<p>Housing is not guaranteed. There is lower demand for housing in the Spring semester.</p> <p>UZH does not own on-campus student dormitories. However, there is a limited number of rooms reserved for UZH students which are managed by the ETH/UZH Housing Office. Exchange students will receive more information and an application link from Global Student Experience after their acceptance. Please note that the Housing Office is in charge of allocating rooms.</p> <p>For more information, please refer to https://www.int.uzh.ch/en/in/organization/living.html.</p>
Visa	<p>Nominated students from countries with visa obligation will be supported by the International Relations Office of the University of Zurich.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: https://www.int.uzh.ch/en/in/organization/visa-entry.html</p>
Insurance	<p>All full-time NUS students are covered under the university's Student Group Personal Accident & Medical Insurance and the Student Travel Insurance. For more information on the university medical insurance, please refer to https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/.</p> <p>At UZH, Health insurance is mandatory for everyone staying in Switzerland longer than three months. The compulsory basic health insurance policy covers illness, accidents and maternity. Upon registration at the local residents' registration office, you will be informed about the declaration process. For more information, please visit https://www.int.uzh.ch/en/in/organization/arrival.html#Obligatory_Health_Insurance.</p> <p>Students can apply for insurance exemption under certain conditions. https://www.internationals.uzh.ch/dam/jcr:36a7b162-5440-4904-8caa-55696b97e513/Living-in-ZH_Health-Insurance_Instructions_Exemption_130323.pdf.</p> <p>It is recommended that you purchase a comprehensive travel insurance for the full duration of your stay abroad, including your personal travel</p>

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	<p>within/outside Switzerland. Please review your insurance coverages to ensure that they meet your needs.</p> <p>Students are strongly encouraged to assess the risk of their intended activities and purchase supplemental insurance plans to ensure they are adequately covered during their time abroad.</p>
Useful Links	<p>Student Exchange Information and Cost of Living: https://www.int.uzh.ch/dam/jcr:3c798312-054e-4db3-80e4-debbe330a560/UZH Factsheet 25 26.pdf</p> <p>Practical Information: https://www.int.uzh.ch/en/in/organization.html</p> <p>Buddy System: The student organization Erasmus Student Network (ESN) offers a buddy system for exchange students. You must submit a request for a buddy at least three weeks before your planned date of arrival via the ESN Zurich website: https://zurich.esn.ch/w/buddysystem.</p>